

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

At this time, Applicants request consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 20, 2005. In this regard, Applicants request that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the respective PTO-1449 form, which accompanied that Information Disclosure Statement, indicating his consideration of the material cited therein.

To place the subject application in better form, the specification has been amended to correct minor informalities. Also, a new abstract is presented in accordance with preferred practice. By separate paper, Applicants are submitting a substitute drawing sheet. No new matter has been added by these changes.

Claims 7-16 and 18-25 are presented for consideration. Claims 7 and 18 are independent. Claims 1-6, 17 and 26-29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application directed to the subject matter of these canceled claims. Claims 10, 15, 21 and 24 have been amended to clarify features of the subject invention. Support for these changes can be found in the original application, as filed. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 7-16 and 18-25 have been indicated as being allowable over the art of record. Applicants submit that the foregoing changes to claims 10, 15, 21 and 24 do not affect the allowability of these claims. Accordingly, claims 7-16 and 18-25 should remain allowable at the outset.

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-noted Office Action.

Claims 27 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. patent application publication number 2004/0207784 to Lim. Applicants submit that the cited art does not teach or suggest many features of the present invention as previously recited in these claims. Therefore, this rejection is respectfully traversed. Nevertheless, in order to expedite allowance of the subject application, claims 27 and 29 (among other claims) have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, this rejection has become moot and should be withdrawn.

All pending claims, namely, claims 7-16 and 18-25, being allowable, Applicants submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-noted Office Action and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

Applicants also request that the Examiner contact their undersigned representative should any matters be deemed outstanding precluding allowance of this application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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